

# Shut Down Hunger effort donates more than \$525,000 to food banks



Augusta, GA Branch 263 President Athena Franklin (c) and Secretary-Treasurer Melisa Deans (r) make a donation on behalf of the branch to the Golden Harvest Food Bank.

In November, NALC organized a Shut Down Hunger campaign. The initiative called on branches to make monetary donations to local food banks during the longest federal government shutdown in history. NALC committed to matching all donations that were submitted by Jan. 31, 2026.

There were 142 branches and state associations that donated \$263,269 to food banks across the country (see list below). With NALC's match, the Shut Down Hunger effort raised \$526,538 for food banks nationwide. According to Feeding America, this amounts to 5.26 million meals for those in need.

Delivering to every neighborhood and community in the country, letter carriers know when people are

struggling. That struggle heightened last fall as letter carriers continued working uninterrupted during the shutdown. In communities, letter carriers are often the first to notice when something is wrong and take action.

"When we saw the prolonged effects of the government shutdown, we knew we had to step up," NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said. "And we knew that if asked, our members would chip in to help those in need.

"I am extremely proud and appreciative of every single branch and state association that donated. Our results are remarkable and will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on communities across the country," he added. **PR**

## Branches and state associations that participated in NALC's Shut Down Hunger effort:

Milwaukee, WI Branch 2  
Buffalo-Western NY Branch 3  
Nashville, TN Branch 4  
Lynn, MA Branch 7  
Minneapolis, MN Branch 9  
Worcester, MA Branch 12  
Louisville, KY Branch 14  
Scranton, PA Branch 17  
Southeast MA Mgd. Branch 18  
New Castle, PA Branch 22  
Kansas City, MO Branch 30  
Little Rock, AR Branch 35  
New York, NY Branch 36  
New Jersey Mgd. Branch 38  
Cleveland, OH Branch 40  
Springfield, OH Branch 45  
Western MA Branch 46  
Denver, CO Branch 47  
Fall River, MA Branch 51  
Grand Rapids, MI Branch 56  
Newport, RI Branch 57  
Sioux City, IA Branch 69  
Springfield, IL Branch 80  
Galesburg, IL Branch 88  
Maine Mgd. Branch 92  
Lima, OH Branch 105  
Salt Lake City, UT Branch 111  
Wilkes-Barre, PA Branch 115  
Paterson, NJ Branch 120  
Baton Rouge, LA Branch 129  
Tacoma, WA Branch 130  
Sacramento, CA Branch 133  
Monroe, LA Branch 136  
Belleville, IL Branch 155  
Philadelphia, PA Branch 157  
Dayton, OH Branch 182

Santa Rosa, CA Branch 183  
Wichita, KS Branch 201  
Springfield, MO Branch 203  
Rochester, NY Branch 210  
Jackson, MS Branch 217  
Aurora, IL Branch 219  
Fort Worth, TX Branch 226  
Canton, OH Branch 238  
Southwest MI Branch 246  
Tidewater VA Branch 247  
Denison, TX Branch 251  
Bennington, VT Branch 252  
Reading, PA Branch 258  
Houston, TX Branch 283  
Erie, PA Branch 284  
Bradford, PA Branch 293  
Joliet, IL Branch 305  
Council Bluffs, IA Branch 314  
Pensacola, FL Branch 321  
Lynchburg, VA Branch 325  
Boise, ID Branch 331  
Central IA Mgd. Branch 352  
Northeastern NY Branch 358  
Clarksville, TN Branch 364  
Northern KY Branch 374  
Plainfield, NJ Branch 396  
Waukesha, WI Branch 397  
Knoxville, TN Branch 419  
Hamilton, OH Branch 426  
Spokane, WA Branch 442  
Hagerstown, MD Branch 443  
North Sound, WA Branch 450  
Oklahoma City, OK Branch 458  
Winston-Salem, NC Branch 461  
Huntsville, AL Branch 462  
Laramie, WY Branch 463

Hutchinson, KS Branch 485  
Mitchell, SD Branch 498  
Albuquerque, NM Branch 504  
Madison, WI Branch 507  
Staunton, VA Branch 513  
Charlottesville, VA Branch 518  
Port Huron, MI Branch 529  
Vineland, NJ Branch 534  
Rome, GA Branch 536  
Columbus, GA Branch 546  
Jeffersonville, IN Branch 553  
Jamaica, NY Branch 562  
Hammond, IN Branch 580  
Lorain, OH Branch 583  
Tampa, FL Branch 599  
Oak Park, IL Branch 608  
Fort Dodge, IA Branch 645  
N. Tonawanda, NY Branch 661  
Westchester Mgd., NY Branch 693  
Austin, MN Branch 717  
Southeast PA Mgd. Branch 725  
Eau Claire, WI Branch 728  
Valparaiso, IN Branch 753  
Columbia, MO Branch 763  
New Castle, IN Branch 814  
Billings, MT Branch 815  
Oak Brook, IL Branch 825  
South Central IN Branch 828  
Cape Atlantic, NJ Branch 903  
Bux-Mont, PA Branch 920  
Freehold, NJ Branch 924  
Hattiesburg, MS Branch 938  
Abilene, TX Branch 950  
Amarillo, TX Branch 1037  
South FL Branch 1071  
Ames, IA Branch 1081

Central FL Branch 1091  
Vancouver, WA Branch 1104  
Wichita Falls, TX Branch 1227  
Hickory, NC Branch 1250  
Corpus Christi, TX Branch 1259  
Coeur d'Alene Branch 1260  
Murfreesboro, TN Branch 1402  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH Branch 1629  
Yuma, AZ Branch 1642  
Downers Grove, IL Branch 1870  
Clearwater, FL Branch 2008  
Toms River, NJ Branch 2128  
Sarasota, FL Branch 2148  
Fairfield, CT Branch 2313  
Las Vegas, NV Branch 2502  
Fort Lauderdale, FL Branch 2550  
DeLand, FL Branch 2591  
Spacecoast FL Branch 2689  
Virginia Beach, VA Branch 2819  
Hopkins, MN Branch 2942  
Royal Oak, MI Branch 3126  
Palatine, IL Branch 4268  
South Macomb, MI Branch 4374  
Spearfish, SD Branch 4711  
Naples, FL Branch 4716  
Roswell, GA Branch 4862  
Santa Fe Springs, CA Branch 4941  
Levittown, PA Branch 4973  
Apopka, FL Branch 5192  
New City, NY Branch 5229  
Venice, FL Branch 5480  
Long Island Mgd., NY Branch 6000  
Tennessee State Association